

## INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Reported for the State Sentinel.

### SENATE.

Thursday, December 8, 1846.

Senate met—Hon. J. G. Read in the Chair.  
A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate of their organization.  
Mr. Ellis appeared and took his seat.  
On motion of Mr. Berry, a resolution was adopted that the rules and regulations of last session be adopted for the government of the present session of the Senate. Also, that the public printer be instructed to furnish one hundred copies of standing rules and orders for the government of the Senate.  
On motion of Mr. Logan,  
Resolved, That copies of laws be furnished to each member of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hamrick,  
Resolved, That the joint rules of last winter of the two Houses be adopted, and that the House be informed thereof.  
On motion of Mr. Logan,  
Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed, with a similar committee on the part of the House, to inform the Governor of the time and place to receive any communication from the Governor.

Messrs. Logan and Clements were appointed said committee.  
A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of a committee appointed to wait on the Governor, also, of a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher, to address the Throno of Grace in behalf of the present Assembly.

On motion, the Senate recited the message of the House, and Messrs. English and Orr were appointed the committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher on the part of the Senate.  
Mr. Holloway offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the doorkeeper be ordered to contract with the proprietors of the State Journal and State Sentinel for three copies of each paper, respectively, at fifty cents per copy; which was adopted.

Mr. Orr offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the Librarian be ordered to procure a rail between the chamber and the lobby; which was adopted.  
Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, Dec. 8th.

The House met.  
On motion of Mr. Thompson, a committee of two were appointed to act in conformity with a similar one from the Senate, to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher to open the session with prayer.  
Messrs. Thompson and Fuller were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Miller, a committee of two were appointed to act with one from the Senate, and wait on the Governor and inform him that both Houses are now organized, and are ready to receive any communication from the Governor.  
Messrs. Miller and Simfield were appointed said committee.

Mr. Noel offered a resolution giving permission to reporters to occupy a place within the House, to furnish the proceedings for their respective papers.  
Mr. Lemmonds offered a resolution requesting the Doorkeeper to furnish each member a copy of the Revised Statutes, the Journal and Laws of the last session; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harlan, a committee was appointed to revise the standing rules of the House.  
Messrs. Harlan, Stewart, Julian and Dole were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dowling offered a resolution directing the Doorkeeper to contract with the editors of the State Sentinel and State Journal for five copies of their tri-weekly issues, providing the same do not exceed fifty cents per copy.  
Amended on motion of Mr. Fuller, to read four instead of five.

Mr. Secrett proposed the Resolution on the ground of its being partial; almost every county, he said, has papers which give the same information, and are much entitled to the patronage of the Legislature as those printed at the capital.  
Mr. Fuller thought it an act of justice to their constituents that they should be furnished with both Whig and Democratic papers, as both parties were equally represented there. Those papers printed at the capital possessed facilities of giving accurate information which no others did.

Mr. Colms moved that the members pay the said sum of fifty cents out of their own funds.  
Mr. Carr of L. moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution and amendment; refused.

Mr. Secrett thought it absurd to adopt the amendment. The House had no right to control the individual action of its members.  
Mr. Colms said his amendment was designed only to operate in case the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Fuller contended that he was promoting the interest of his constituents by voting for this resolution; it was but furnishing them information at their own expense.  
The ayes and noes were taken on the amendment, which did not prevail—ayes 8, noes 54.

Mr. Dowling said he was in favor of the resolution, but he had ascertained there was a difference in the subscription price of the two papers; that of the Sentinel being seventy-five cents, and the Journal being fifty cents; the Tri-weekly Sentinel is nearly double the size of the Tri-weekly Journal; Mr. D. moved that the resolution in accordance with the subscription price.

On motion of Mr. Secrett, the resolution and amendments were laid on the table.  
Mr. Fuller moved that the House proceed to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms this afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Crookshank was opposed to the election of this officer, as being wholly unnecessary.  
Mr. Fuller supported his resolution; he said the House disagreed with a Sergeant-at-Arms, and he was usually allowed to a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Thompson opposed the resolution.  
The resolution was then indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Sleeth.

On motion of Mr. Carr of L., it was resolved that the House, with the concurrence of the Senate, proceed, on to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to open and count the votes given at the last election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the House adjourned.  
The committee to wait on the Governor reported that they had performed that duty, and he would deliver his annual message this afternoon at half past two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the time for counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor was changed to this afternoon at three o'clock.  
The Senate was then invited into the Representatives' Hall to hear the message; when the Governor in person delivered his message; whereupon the Senate retired.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Senate was again invited into the Hall of Representatives, to witness the opening and counting the votes given for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.  
Pending which, the convention adjourned.

### SENATE.

Wednesday, December 9, 1846.

Senate met.  
Mr. Wickett appeared and took his seat.  
Mr. Orr, from the select committee, reported that they had waited on the Rev. Mr. Beecher, and that he would attend at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Holloway, the resolution relative to taking the papers by the members of the Senate, was taken up, together with the proposed amendment; and on motion of Mr. Holloway, it was resolved that each member contract with the several papers, and receive any number of papers, the cost not exceeding five dollars, to be paid out of the State Treasury.

Mr. Parks gave notice that on to-morrow, he would move that a new standing committee be appointed.  
Leave being granted, Mr. Verbrake introduced a bill for a new mode of appointing the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Miller, resolved, that fifteen hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed.  
A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that a committee of two was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and Hon. P. C. Dunning, to inform them they had received the majority of votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor; which message was, on motion, recited by the Senate, and Messrs. Howell and Zeno were appointed said committee.

A message was received from the House, inviting the Senate to meet at ten o'clock, to hear the prayer of the Rev. Mr. Beecher, which was recited.  
Mr. Stockwell moved that one thousand copies of the Governor's Message be printed in the German language.  
Mr. Ellis moved to lay said resolution on the table; ayes 22, noes 24.

Mr. Berry of Monroe moved to strike out 1000, which motion prevailed.  
Mr. Ellis moved to insert 100 copies in French.  
Mr. Stockwell said that the reason he offered the resolution was that he had some 600 votes in his district, who were pleased with the liberty they enjoyed in this favored country, and who were anxious to know the principles by which our government was carried on, and he knew of no way so simply instructing them in those principles as by printing in their own language, and sending to them the message of our Governor.

Mr. Davis said, the strongest objection to him in printing the message in German was, that he would prefer that it should not be printed even in English; for he considered the ideas laid down in the message so erroneous, and doctrines of such a false-fact and unnecessarily introduced, that he did not wish to spread them before the people.

Mr. Edmonston remonstrated that if the gentleman had confidence in the good sense of the people, he would prefer that those doctrines and principles which he considered so erroneous should be spread over the State, and let the people judge for themselves.  
Mr. Orr said the remarks of Mr. Davis would have been proper had they been made in the original resolution; for then it might have been thought proper to print with the message, the Address of Washington, and the Declaration of Independence, which would have been the same as to print the message in French.

Mr. Ellis said he wished the distinction of language in this country to be abolished—that we were all one people. Should we call those who come from a foreign shore and settle with us in this land of the free, foreigners? No. But if we do make any distinction, he wished copies to be sent to all.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Ellis's motion, which prevailed, and the original resolution was then adopted, calling for 100 copies in French.  
On motion, the Senate adjourned.

On motion, the Senate recited the message of the House, and Messrs. English and Orr were appointed the committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher on the part of the Senate.  
Mr. Holloway offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the doorkeeper be ordered to contract with the proprietors of the State Journal and State Sentinel for three copies of each paper, respectively, at fifty cents per copy; which was adopted.

Mr. Orr offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the Librarian be ordered to procure a rail between the chamber and the lobby; which was adopted.  
Senate adjourned.

A message was received from the House, reciprocating the resolution of the Senate adopting the joint rules of last session for the government of the present session.  
On motion of Mr. Harlan, the resolution adopted this morning relative to taking the papers during the session was reconsidered.

Mr. Parks moved that the sum of fifty cents per copy for each paper should be stricken out, and the subscription price inserted.  
On motion of Mr. Logan, the resolution and proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Logan made a report from the committee to wait on the Governor, that he would meet the two Houses at half-past two o'clock, and make his annual communication.  
A message was received from the House, communicating a resolution adopted by the House, to wait on the Governor, at three o'clock, to proceed to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

On motion of Mr. Morgan of D., the resolution was amended by inserting one-half, after three; and, on motion, the Senate recited the resolution.  
A message was received, and reciprocated by the Senate, inviting the Senate to meet at ten o'clock, to hear the message of his Excellency the Governor.

The Governor having delivered his message to the Senate and House assembled, the Senate retired to their chamber.  
A message from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the amendment of the Senate fixing the time for counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the last annual election.

On motion of Mr. Zeno, the Senate recited; and Messrs. Zeno and Edmonston were appointed tellers.  
A message from the House, inviting the Senate, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The Senate, returning to their chamber, adjourned.  
The House of Representatives.  
Thursday, Dec. 8th.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, a committee of two were appointed to act in conformity with a similar one from the Senate, to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher to open the session with prayer.  
Messrs. Thompson and Fuller were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Miller, a committee of two were appointed to act with one from the Senate, and wait on the Governor and inform him that both Houses are now organized, and are ready to receive any communication from the Governor.  
Messrs. Miller and Simfield were appointed said committee.

Mr. Noel offered a resolution giving permission to reporters to occupy a place within the House, to furnish the proceedings for their respective papers.  
Mr. Lemmonds offered a resolution requesting the Doorkeeper to furnish each member a copy of the Revised Statutes, the Journal and Laws of the last session; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harlan, a committee was appointed to revise the standing rules of the House.  
Messrs. Harlan, Stewart, Julian and Dole were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dowling offered a resolution directing the Doorkeeper to contract with the editors of the State Sentinel and State Journal for five copies of their tri-weekly issues, providing the same do not exceed fifty cents per copy.  
Amended on motion of Mr. Fuller, to read four instead of five.

Mr. Secrett proposed the Resolution on the ground of its being partial; almost every county, he said, has papers which give the same information, and are much entitled to the patronage of the Legislature as those printed at the capital.  
Mr. Fuller thought it an act of justice to their constituents that they should be furnished with both Whig and Democratic papers, as both parties were equally represented there. Those papers printed at the capital possessed facilities of giving accurate information which no others did.

Mr. Colms moved that the members pay the said sum of fifty cents out of their own funds.  
Mr. Carr of L. moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution and amendment; refused.

Mr. Secrett thought it absurd to adopt the amendment. The House had no right to control the individual action of its members.  
Mr. Colms said his amendment was designed only to operate in case the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Fuller contended that he was promoting the interest of his constituents by voting for this resolution; it was but furnishing them information at their own expense.  
The ayes and noes were taken on the amendment, which did not prevail—ayes 8, noes 54.

Mr. Dowling said he was in favor of the resolution, but he had ascertained there was a difference in the subscription price of the two papers; that of the Sentinel being seventy-five cents, and the Journal being fifty cents; the Tri-weekly Sentinel is nearly double the size of the Tri-weekly Journal; Mr. D. moved that the resolution in accordance with the subscription price.

On motion of Mr. Secrett, the resolution and amendments were laid on the table.  
Mr. Fuller moved that the House proceed to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms this afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Crookshank was opposed to the election of this officer, as being wholly unnecessary.  
Mr. Fuller supported his resolution; he said the House disagreed with a Sergeant-at-Arms, and he was usually allowed to a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Thompson opposed the resolution.  
The resolution was then indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Sleeth.

On motion of Mr. Carr of L., it was resolved that the House, with the concurrence of the Senate, proceed, on to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to open and count the votes given at the last election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Paria C. Dunning received for Lt. Governor, 62,565 votes.  
Alexander C. Hinkle received for Governor, 60,507 votes.  
Stephen S. Harding " " " 2,321 votes.  
Whereupon, James Whitcomb was declared elected Governor for the next three years, and Paria C. Dunning Lieut. Governor for the same time. The joint convention then adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, a committee was appointed to act with a similar one on behalf of the Senate, to wait on James Whitcomb and Paria C. Dunning, and inform them of their election, and ascertain at what time they would suit their convenience to take the oath of office.

Messrs. Palmer and Julian were appointed said committee.  
Mr. Porter moved an amendment to the standing rules, which was, if any member was present and refused to vote when called upon for that purpose, the fact of his being present and refusing to vote when called upon should be entered on the Journal; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Huff, the Senate was now invited into the Hall to hear the opening prayer of the session by the Rev. Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Secrett, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the term of the Probate Court in Putnam county.  
On motion of Mr. Stanfield, St. Joseph county was inserted; then passed to a second reading.

The resolution in relation to taking papers was taken from the table, after various amendments and considerable discussion, the resolution was rejected.  
Mr. Miller moved that five thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend by inserting five hundred copies in the German, and two hundred in the French language; resolution and amendments adopted.  
Mr. Harlan moved that the House, with the concurrence of the Senate, proceed to the election of Judge of the 2nd Judicial circuit on Friday next; laid on the table.

Mr. Holland introduced a resolution to go into the election of Auditor of State on Friday next at ten o'clock; laid on the table.  
Mr. Carr of L. introduced a bill authorizing the Circuit and Probate courts of Lawrence county to devise new seals; passed to the second reading.

Mr. Stewart introduced a petition in regard to the Probate courts of Fayette county; referred to a select committee.

Mr. Miller offered a resolution requesting the appointment of a committee to invite the Judges of the Supreme Court to be present at the opening of the session of the Governor and Lt. Governor. Adopted.  
Messrs. Miller and Porter were appointed said committee.

Mr. Palmer from the select committee, appointed on the behalf of the House to wait on the Governor and Lt. Governor, reported that they had waited on the Governor and Lt. Governor, and that they would meet the two Houses at half-past two o'clock, and make their annual communication.

On motion of Mr. Julian, the Senate was invited into the Hall to witness the ceremony of the inauguration.

The Senate being present, the Governor and Lieut. Governor elected came in, attended by the joint committee of the Senate and House, when the oath of office was administered by the Hon. Judge Blackford, after which, Gov. Whitcomb delivered a brief, but a truly eloquent and appropriate inaugural address.

The House adjourned.  
Thursday, December 10, 1846.

Senate met.  
On motion of Mr. Parks,  
Resolved, That the standing rules of the Senate be amended that a committee be appointed on the benevolence of the State.

On motion of Mr. Allison,  
Resolved, That the message of the Governor be committed to the committee of the whole Senate, and made the order of the day for the day following.

By Mr. English, to correct certain misprints therein named.  
Passed.  
By Mr. Reed, to provide for the holding of a convention to revise the constitution of the State.  
Senate adjourned.

Senate met.  
The President laid before the Senate the following as the STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Elections—Messrs. Rockhill, Allison, Berry of F., Bowers, Curry, Coats, Hamrick, Jackson, and Simpson.  
On Finance—Messrs. Parks, Coffin, Coats, Conner, English, Hamrick, Howell, Jackson, Marshall, Milligan, Miliken, Montgomery, Robinson, Simpson, Stewart, Verbrake, and Winchell.

On Federal Relations—Messrs. Reed, Parks, Hardin, Hamer, Davis, Howell, Beard, Bradbury, and Miliken.  
On Education—Messrs. Osborn, Holloway, Berry of M., Stockwell, Verbrake, and Winchell.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Ellis, Hamrick, Hamer, Logan, Morgan, Hamrick, Waters, and Berry of M.  
On the Affairs of the Town of Indianapolis—Messrs. Harlan, Stewart, Conner, Zeno, Verbrake, Simpson, and Miligan.

On Canals and Internal Improvements—Messrs. Edmonston, Stockwell, Reed, Davis, Miliken, Berry of F., Holloway, Simpson, Harlan, Hamrick, Reed, Allison, Coffin, Verbrake, Orr, Osborn, Taber, Rockhill, and Marsh.

On Claims—Messrs. Logan, Berry of F., Miller, Robinson, Jackson, Coffin, Bowers, and Chenoweth.  
On the State Prison—Messrs. Reed, Taber, Zeno, Montgomery, Miligan, and Verbrake.

On Unfinished Business—Messrs. Goodnow, Miliken, Miller, Bradbury, and Waters.  
On the State Library—Messrs. Miller, Conner, Taber, Morgan, Montgomery, Hamer, and Davis.

On Agriculture—Messrs. Bowers, Parks, Coats, Murphy, English, Robinson, Bradbury, Coffin, Howell, Zeno, Jackson, Morgan, Curry, Davis, Waters, Logan, and Verbrake.  
On Corporations—Messrs. Berry of F., Hamrick, Edmonston, Orr, Green, Marsh, Montgomery, and Conner.

On Benevolent Institutions of the State—Messrs. Harlan, Stockwell, Green, Miller, Howell, Logan, and Hamrick.  
On Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Reed, Taber, Zeno, Montgomery, Miligan, and Verbrake.

On Public Buildings—Messrs. Allison, Reed, English, Chenoweth, Jackson, Rockhill, and Conner.  
On the Canal Fund—Messrs. Stockwell, Clements, and Allison.

On the State Library—Messrs. Clements, Berry of M., and Miligan.  
The President also laid before the Senate the papers in the case of the contested election of Jonathan M. Vinegar against Dixon Miller, for a seat in the Senate of the State of Indiana, for the senatorial district composed of the counties of Jay, Blackford, and Randolph.

On motion, the papers were referred to the committee on elections.  
On motion of Mr. Howell, one hundred copies of the standing committees were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Leave was granted to Mr. Allison to introduce a bill for the purpose of reviving an act to locate a State road therein named.  
Leave was granted to Mr. Hamrick to introduce a bill relative to county roads.  
Leave was granted to Mr. Rockhill to introduce a bill to change the time of holding courts in the county of Wells.

On Engraved Bills—Messrs. Crookshank, Sleeth, Hostetter, and Hinkle.  
On Public Expenditures—Messrs. Hostetter, Carr of C., Holman, Arnold, Gordon, Cassatt, and Parker.  
On the Trust Funds—Messrs. Stewart of F., Stewart of L., Dubois, Hicks, Young, Aldrich, and Gilliland.  
On Benevolent and Scientific Institutions—Messrs. Watts, Yarran, Tait, Tackett, McCormack, Crookshank, and Mason.

On Public Buildings—Messrs. Noel, McCormack, and Monk.  
On the Canal Fund—Messrs. Colms, Jensen, and Brown.  
On the State Library—Messrs. Yarran, Sleeth, and Harvey.

Mr. Dowling moved the printing of two hundred copies of the order of business, with the standing committees. Adopted.  
By Mr. Bolding, on the subject of a State road referred to a select committee consisting of Mr. Bolding and others.

By Mr. Hamrick, referred to a select committee, without reading.  
By Mr. Bolding, referred to a select committee, without reading.  
By Mr. Hamrick, referred to a select committee, without reading.

By Mr. Yarran, referred to a select committee, without reading.  
Resolved, That the House will in no case receive a bill or petition to grant divorces during the present session, in any case where the circuit court has jurisdiction of the subject matter, without the intervention of the officers of the court to retract its action on this subject.

Mr. Yarran said he did not disagree with the member from Putnam, but he thought that the message that was given by the Legislature, and could not by this House be impaired. The Legislature had no power to abrogate or annul it. Mr. Y. contended that great injustice had been done by the Legislature in granting divorces, and that they could not possibly acquiesce with the circumstances, the proper place was in the courts, where the whole case could be carefully and impartially considered.

Mr. Dunham said he could not vote for this resolution. It would be infringing on the right of petition, guaranteed by the constitution of this State. He considered the Legislature as having no power to grant divorces, because it was a civil contract, and could not by this House be impaired. The Legislature had no power to abrogate or annul it. Mr. Y. contended that great injustice had been done by the Legislature in granting divorces, and that they could not possibly acquiesce with the circumstances, the proper place was in the courts, where the whole case could be carefully and impartially considered.

Mr. Porter moved to amend by striking out all after the word "divorces," and insert "and the Legislature had no constitutional power to grant divorces, and if they had, it would be impolitic to exercise it. The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Thompson said he approved of the resolution; but that some members might object that it did not give the power to annul marriage contracts, but at the same time had doubts of its policy and expediency. He therefore moved to amend the amendment by striking out the part that relates to the expediency of the Legislature granting divorces.

Mr. Secrett read a section of the constitution of Indiana, and suggested that the Legislature had no power to grant divorces, and if they had, it would be impolitic to exercise it. The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Thompson said he approved of the resolution; but that some members might object that it did not give the power to annul marriage contracts, but at the same time had doubts of its policy and expediency. He therefore moved to amend the amendment by striking out the part that relates to the expediency of the Legislature granting divorces.

Mr. Hamrick thought the matter should have been laid on the table, in order to give the members an opportunity to express their views on the subject. Former Legislatures had uniformly exercised that power. Men who were able to expound the constitution, and who were not without many doubts on the subject, but had unequivocally given their opinion that the General Assembly possessed the power of doing so.

Mr. Thompson withdrew his amendment.  
Mr. Dole offered an amendment declaring that as the Legislature had exercised the power of granting divorces from its origin, it was inexpedient to restrict its action on that subject now.

Mr. Harvey moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was accordingly done—ayes 54, noes 41.  
On the subject of the petition of the lawyers now in the House had given their opinion that the power to grant divorces was unconstitutional. By referring to the Journal of this House for the last session, he found the names of the lawyers who had given their opinion that the power to grant divorces was unconstitutional; and he found that certain cases; among others voting aye, was the name of the gentleman from Perry.

Mr. Thompson replied briefly that Mr. Noel had entirely misrepresented the position of the lawyers of the House. Mr. Secrett moved to amend by inserting after the word "divorces," and insert "and the Legislature had no constitutional power to grant divorces, and if they had, it would be impolitic to exercise it. The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Noel offered a resolution granting the use of the Hall to the friends of the State Prison, to be held on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of giving a musical concert. Adopted.

By Mr. Colms, that 5000 copies of the Governor's inaugural address be printed for the use of the House—1,500 in the German language. Adopted.

By Mr. Fry, that the Judiciary committee examine whether the Statutes of 1843 the writ of *recess* was in force, and if not, to report on the expediency of reviving it. Adopted.

Mr. Huff, that the Governor's message be referred to a committee of the whole House, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow, at two o'clock.

By Mr. Moore, that the doorkeeper furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Tri-weekly Sentinel, and two copies of the Tri-weekly Journal, to be paid for by the State.

Mr. Harvey moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was accordingly done—ayes 47, noes 45.

On the subject of a State road, there was an improper division made between the two papers. He thought it was showing partiality to take the one and two of the other.

Mr. Dale said there was a difference in the subscription price of the two papers, and the price was a great deal less than that of the Sentinel which was nearly double the size of that of the Journal. He did not doubt that the price was set down as low as its publishers could possibly furnish it at. He thought that because the Sentinel was published on a larger sheet, and it should become under the constitution my duty to give a voice in their settlement.

On motion of Mr. Howell, one hundred copies of the standing committees were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Leave was granted to Mr. Allison to introduce a bill for the purpose of reviving an act to locate a State road therein named.  
Leave was granted to Mr. Hamrick to introduce a bill relative to county roads.  
Leave was granted to Mr. Rockhill to introduce a bill to change the time of holding courts in the county of Wells.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the passage of an act to authorize the judges of the Lawrence circuit court, and probate court, to devise new seals.  
Also, authorizing a settlement with the keeper of the State Prison.

Leave was granted to Mr. Simpson to introduce a bill relative to the auditor of the United States.  
Leave was granted to Mr. Reed to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Richmond.

On motion, the message from the House was taken up, and the bill authorizing a settlement with the keeper of the State Prison passed; also, the bill authorizing the respective judges of the circuit and probate courts of Lawrence county, to devise new seals, and the bill authorizing a settlement with the keeper of the State Prison.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into committee of the whole.  
The committee rising.  
The Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, December 10, 1846.

The House met.  
The Speaker laid before the House the order of business for the present session; and also reported the standing committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.  
On Elections—Messrs. Sill, Wiley, Trimble, Parker, Huff, Johnson, and Hanna.  
On Finance—Messrs. Adams, Secrett, Fry, Anthony, Carr of L., Hendricks, Colms, and Canham.

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Standfield, Porter, Dunham, Harvey, Jackson, Sleeth, and Palmer.  
On Agriculture—Messrs. Hunt, Hicks, Moore, No-finger, Hamilton, Norton, and Neal.

On the State Bank—Messrs. Craves, Hall, Smiley, Ed-wards, Wolfe, Noel, and Tackett.  
On Military Affairs—Messrs. Fuller, Jones of B., Hat-ding, Tait, Dunham, Walker, and Huff.

On the State Prison—Messrs. Ferguson, Shields, Anthony, Harlan, Miller, Griffin, and Huddleston.  
On the Town of Indianapolis—Messrs. Harding, Griffin, Hill, Balding, Summers, Hatfield, and Parks.

On Claims—Messrs. Thompson, Hall of W., May, Clark, Holland, Lutz, and Lemmonds.  
On Roads—Messrs. Meredith, Scott, Thomas, D. cher, Brown, Dean, and Hall of P.

On Canals—Messrs. Dole, Dowling, Logan, Jones of G., Lewis, Kerr, and Walker.  
On Agriculture—Messrs. Powell, Gordon, Woodruff, Osborn, Vase, Green, and Huffstetter.

On Corporations—Messrs. Porter, Fry, Harlan, Cassatt, Sill, Wilson, and Miller.  
On Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Tait, Cassatt, Carr of L., and Dean.

Mr. Hall, to incorporate the town of Mt. Vernon; read the first time and passed to the second reading.  
Mr. Cassatt, for the relief of purchasers of canal lands; read the first time.  
Mr. Moore, for the relief of Thomas Berry; passed to the second reading.

Mr. Craves, to provide for a settlement between the State and the former superintendent of the State prison.  
The vote of the House being suspended, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Harlan, to declare a certain name a misprint; passed to the second reading.  
Mr. Carr of L. introduced a resolution authorizing the originator or introducer of any bill which may be referred to a committee, to meet with such committee, when the bill may be amended, or to be reconsidered.

Mr. Harvey, in relation to a certain school district in Hendricks county.  
Mr. Dowling, in relation to the act authorizing the State to purchase land for the purpose of building a canal, passed to the second reading.

Mr. Trumble, to change the time of holding Probate courts in Delaware county; passed to the second reading.  
Mr. Norton, in relation to road tax in Elkhart county; passed to the second reading.

Mr. Thompson introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill requiring the purchase of certain lands to furnish transcripts in certain cases; adopted.  
Mr. Watts introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the Probate system in relation to Probate courts, &c.; adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, the House adjourned.

### SENATE.

Friday, December 11, 1846.

Senate met.  
The President laid before the Senate reports from several branches of the State Bank, which were referred to the committee on the State Bank.

By Mr. Edmonston, referred to a select committee.  
By Mr. Taber, referred to the committee on canals and internal improvements.  
By Mr. Robinson, referred to a committee. And a remonstrance; referred to the